

Abstracts and Keywords

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HISTORICAL REALITY FROM A CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE: EXISTENTIAL LIMIT OF GLOBALIZATION

Abstract. *Emphasizing the anthropological turn in humanities and social sciences, the author summarizes comparative civilizational research to investigate correlation among global, universal, local and individual dimensions of the human being. On the logical and semantic level, the multidimensional nature of individuals and cultures make globalization impossible. Hypothetically, the implementation of such scenario would amount to imposing the cultural meanings of a single culture on all others, increase social entropy and result in disastrous degradation of mankind.*

Keywords: *anthropological turn, globalization, «classical» civilization, «borderline» civilization, fluctuation of individual behavior, global, universal, local, individual.*

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SPAIN AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TRANSITION

Abstract. *An unprecedented change of power took place in early June 2018 in Spain. Since the parliament passed a no-confidence vote to the prime minister M. Rajoy, the executive branch of the government has been headed by the leader of the socialist party P. Sanchez, who announced his goal of implementing profound social and economic reforms. He might attempt to make a “second transition” in Spanish history – to a trajectory of inclusive sustainable development. However, Madrid is facing numerous obstacles on that path.*

Keywords: *Spain, consequences of the crisis, change of power, socialist government agenda, Pedro Sanchez.*

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THE PHENOMENON OF EMMANUEL MACRON

Abstract. *Identifying the most striking aspects of E. Macron’s election as French President, the article examines his sources of inspiration and the true nature of the Macron project. In some key ways Macron’s movement, En Marche!, resembles a classic colour revolution and a business start-up.*

Rhetorically, progressivism – the cult of change, the propaganda about “openness” – is the very essence of Macronism. When we examine the content of Macronism, it becomes very clear that, far from representing anything new, E. Macron instead embodies absolute continuity. His victory in the 2017 elections is testimony to the ability of “the system”, against which so many voters, in their different ways, wanted to vote, to regenerate itself.

Keywords: *Emmanuel Macron; Macronism; En Marche, La République!; French politics; 2017 elections; progressivism; colour revolutions; personalisation of power.*

Natalia TRAVKINA**DONALD TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION POLICY: INTERMEDIATE RESULTS**

Abstract. *The issue of illegal immigration has become a key item on the domestic political agenda of Republican President D. Trump. The wall, which he promised to build along the US-Mexican border, is a political symbol of the new approach. However, his initiative has run into strong opposition in the Congress, including opposition on the part of the Republicans. The paper reviews the first results of D. Trump's executive orders on immigration, emphasizing various aspects of the confrontation in Washington, which has divided the "nation of immigrants".*

Keywords: *illegal immigration, immigration law, immigration policy, Donald Trump, national security, deportation, American-Mexican border wall, operational control of the U.S. border.*

Andrey VINOGRADOV, Aleksander SALITSKY**USA – CHINA: A TRADE WAR HAS STARTED**

Abstract. *The summer of 2018 will be remembered as the time when the US began a trade war against China. The article analyzes origins of the conflict, which has challenged the entire system designed to regulate multilateral trade relations. The arbitrary unilateral actions by D. Trump's Administration carry threats not only for China. They affect the interests of many countries and businesses, including the US business; so far, it is not an easy task to evaluate numerous consequences of the unfolding economic clash. The authors make a preliminary inventory of major areas of confrontation between the two superpowers, and address the problematic prospects for the resolution of the US-China trade conflict.*

Keywords: *import tariffs, intellectual property, trade discrimination, WTO, balance of payments deficit, investments, dumping, trade war.*

Vladimir KONDRATEV**THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION AND GLOBALIZATION**

Abstract. *The article analyses the future and impact of the new digital technologies known as Industry 4.0, in comparison with existing technologies. The author considers how the additive manufacturing technology of 3D printing and other new technologies could reconfigure global value chains. Broader adoption of these technologies could modify the trend towards global specialization of production systems, facilitating geographical diversity and closeness to the end-users (localization).*

Keywords: *additive manufacturing; 3D printing; global value chains; globalization; regionalization.*

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GLOBAL OIL MARKET: CONFLICTING TRENDS

Abstract. *The current situation in the oil markets reflects the complex and contradictory nature of the global energy sector evolution. Despite enormous efforts to develop alternative energies, the fossil fuels, and oil and natural gas in the first place, have remained (and will remain for decades to come) the main sources of global energy consumption. It is not accidental that the oil industry has been in the midst of geopolitical conflict as well as a subject of sanctions and restrictions. In that context a scientifically based evaluation of its current situation and future development is becoming particularly important.*

Keywords: *world economy, petroleum industry, oil industry, fall in raw material prices, Russia and OPEC, sanctions pressure.*